

IFPRI has used the data of National Family Health Survey (NFHS-2) conducted in 1998-99.

- (b) Information shall be collected and laid on the Table of the House.
- (c) The available data reveal that the low status of Women in South Asian Countries and their lack of nutritional knowledge are important determinants of high prevalence of underweight children in the region.

Street children in Goa

2870. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have made any survey regarding street children in Goa;
- (b) the arrangements available for the protection of destitute children in the State;
- (c) the financial allocations made for their upbringing;
- (d) whether State-wise break-up is available;
- (e) the financial assistance given to State Government in this regard in the last three years; and
- (f) the details of the Schemes, in operation in Goa regarding children both, destitute or other-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The State Government has a Children Home and Shelter Home at Merces, Goa. The State Government has also registered 26 Children homes under the Goa Children's Act, 2003. These homes are for care and protection of orphans and other destitute children. Childline service which is a toll free emergency outreach service for children in distress situation, is also functional in Goa.

(c) to (e) Government of India provides for 50 per cent of the expenditure requirements of State Governments for establishing and maintaining homes under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 and

up keep of children staying in these homes as per cost norms under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "A Programme for Juvenile Justice". The remaining 50 per cent expenditure is met by the State Government. State-wise budget alloctions are not made under the scheme, 'A Programme for Juvenile Justice'. Funds released as per the proposals received under the scheme. The State-wise break-up of releases to State Governments is, however available. The details of financial assistance made to the State Government of Goa during last three financial years under the scheme are given below:

Year	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Amount released	5.88	4.95	5.35

[Rs. in lakhs]

The State Government has also provided in the current financial year budget, an amount of Rs. 130.80 lakhs for Children Homes of which Rs. 90.80 lakhs has been provided for State Government run Children's Homes.

(f) The schemes are as under:

- (i) A Programme for Juvenile Justice;
- (ii) An integrated Programme for Street Children under which Childline service is being supported;
- (iii) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS);
- (iv) Scheme for Welfare of children in Need to Care and Protection.

Malnutrition prevention campaigns in Maharashtra and Punjab

2871. SHRI DARA SINGH; Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the malnutrition prevention campaigns being undertaken to lessen malnutrition in Maharashtra and Punjab with the help of UNICEF and the Department of Health;
- (b) whether the help of anganwadi workers, local public representatives and social workers too is being taken in these campaigns; and
- (c) whether the malnutrition has been reduced in the above mentioned